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FROM ONE CONJUNCTURE, THE OTHER, THE AFTERWARDSNESS OF GUATTARI AND DELEUZE

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SUBJECT

This text addresses some difficulties encountered reading Deleuze and Guattari “in situation,” in order to suggest a “symptomal reading” of their historico-conceptual moment. It first reexamines the distinction between a “history of revolutions” and “revolutionary-becoming,” in order to explain the meaning of the latter in connection with the Deleuzian concept of event and in the context of

the historical sequence which demanded this new concept. The concept of event involves a foreclosed reference to the problem of the revolutionary situation in Marxism; it acknowledges the theoretical difficulties of elaborating a materialist notion of revolutionary situation, but also the political impasses which, in the post-war decades, had brought about a crisis in the representation of the revolutionary subject which Marxism believed it could guarantee. In the light of this double crisis, theoretical and political, the article concludes with an examination of the contemporary reflections of Althusser and Guattari concerning the connection between revolutionary circumstances and political subjectification.

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